‘They saw themselves die’: couple attacked in bottle shard by 17-year-old girl in Toulouse

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Toulouse Aggression

The victims were returning from the evening when they were violently assaulted by a group of four minors, aged between 14 and 17.

It took more than fifty stitches to close your multiple wounds. Anissa, 19, was violently assaulted in Toulouse as she was returning from the evening with her boyfriend and two friends of the same age. It is about three o’clock in the morning, Thursday, when the band crosses the Place du Capitole, in the heart of the city, and is taken to task *“by a group of two boys and two* girls”, aged 14, 16 and 17, according to the Toulouse prosecutor’s office. Quickly, the situation worsens.

*“Cigarette demand, exchanges of looks, misinterpreted remarks”... «confuse»*The origin of the altercation remains "confused", according to the prosecutor of the Republic, Samuel Vuelta Simon. But a source close to the file cited by *La Dépêche du Midi* indicates that the patibular quartet would have criticized Anissa for not being dressed decently. Information that the victim’s lawyer, Me Hélène Pronost, does not confirm*. “Dwelling on the cause is trivializing the brutality of the scene*,” the latter told Le *Figaro*.

“They saw themselves dying”

“The verbal tension has risen very quickly, to trigger a fight in which the victims were beaten and, for one of them, seriously injured by a broken bottle,” the prosecutor said. Filmed by the city’s surveillance cameras, a 17-year-old girl seems to have been particularly relentless about the victims. She would have *"grabbed a bottle to break it, before carrying multiple blows to* the *face, back and arm" of* Anissa, retraces the magistrate. Another minor, 14 years old, also reportedly seized the *“bottle shard to bear blows. The two boys would have participated in the fight, without a weapon however*.” This unleashing of violence was finally interrupted by the intervention of the night crew of the municipal police, alerted by the video protection operators of Toulouse.

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> Mr. Hélène Pronost, lawyer for the victims.

On the spot, the officers discovered the victim in blood, covered with gaping wounds that had to be sutured quickly. The medical examiner gave him nine days of total work interruption. Her boyfriend, Dorian, got three. *“They saw themselves die*,” says Hélène Pronost. *“You have to imagine the savagery. Anissa was hit multiple times and every move left significant wounds. She has constant pain all over her body. Dorian was also beset and he saw his girlfriend get cut without being able to help him*.” The next day, the young woman shared the consequences of the attack by posting on Twitter photos of her injuries. His intention? Illustrate *“the gravity of things*.” It is a *“bloody aggression”,* of *“savage and barbaric violence”* and whose victims *“will keep the physical and psychological stigmas for life*,” said Jean-Luc Moudenc, mayor LR of Toulouse. The political class was moved at the national level, with Valérie Boyer, Senator LR, referring to an *«abomination»*"abomination", Danielle Simonnet (MP LFI) deploring a *"sexist aggression of unprecedented violence. The culprits must be prosecuted and tried*.”

Suspects with ‘difficult social journey’

In police custody, the defendants slashed to have consumed alcohol on the evening of the facts, without succeeding in further explaining the reasons for such a relentlessness. Despite their young age, the members of the quartet are not foreign to the police and justice services. The prosecutor of the Republic of Toulouse said that some were already *"followed by the judicial services of the protection of minors because of a difficult social journey",* while others are unfavorably known to the criminal justice of minors for a wide range of crimes ranging from violence, threats, through theft, lack of driving licenses, possession of weapons and narcotics.

They were indicted for *“violence in a meeting,* intoxicated”, some *“with weapon”* others without. The two boys aged 16 and 17 and the 14-year-old were left free under judicial control, while the 17-year-old, identified as the lead perpetrator, was incarcerated pending her appearance before the children's court on 17 August.